

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for producing a fluorinated ester through a small number of steps, is presented. The process for producing a fluorinated ester, comprises a

5 transesterification step in which  $R^{AF}-COOCF_2-R^{AF}$  and  $R^A-CH_2OH$  are subjected to a transesterification reaction to obtain  $R^{AF}-COOCH_2-R^A$ , and a fluorination step in which the obtained compound is fluorinated to obtain a reaction product containing  $R^{AF}-COOCF_2-R^{AF}$ . Here, in the formulae,

10  $R^A$  is a monovalent organic group, and  $R^{AF}$  is the same group as  $R^A$  or a monovalent organic group obtained by fluorination of  $R^A$ .